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Smuggling of Gold

1605. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
SHRI RAM SAGAR :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :
SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold is being smuggled into the country in large quantity;

(b) if so, the approximate quantum of gold is being smuggled into the country each year and the assessed market value thereof;

(c) the quantum of gold seized during the last two years, till date and the value thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check gold smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Intelligence available and seizures effected do not indicate large scale smuggling of gold into the country. There are no official estimates regarding the quantum of gold being smuggled into India. However, as per estimates published in "Gold Field Mineral Services", published in U.K. in 1997, the quantum and value of gold smuggled in the last two years are as follows:-

Year	(Quantity In Tonnes)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
1995	128	6201
1996	109	5657

(c) The details of gold during the last two years till date are as follows :-

Year	Quantity (in Kgs.)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	1148	5676
1996-97	1033	5323
1997-98 (till 30.6.97) (figure is provisional)	304	1343

(d) Field formations are alert to prevent and detect smuggling including smuggling of gold. Specific measures taken include targetting of intelligence, depolyment of Colour Baggage X-ray machines at Ports, Airports & land custom stations and further liberalisation of gold imports allowing import upto 10 kgs of gold to eligible passengers.

Production of Textiles

1606. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been constant increase in the production of textile in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the quantum of textile produced during each of last three years by mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector, separately and the value thereof; and

(c) the total foreign exchange earned through export of textile by each sector during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of textiles produced during each of the last 3 years by mill sector, powerloom Sector and Handloom Sector have been as under:-

SECTORS (ML Sq. Mtrs.)

Year	Mill (Quantity)	Powerloom (Quantity)	Handloom (Quantity)
1994-95	2,271	15,976	6,180
1995-96	2,019	17,201	7,202
1996-97 (Prov)	1,886	19,596	7,301

(Exact value can not be estimated)

(c) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Foreign Exchange Earnings by Mill, Powerloom and Handloom Sectors during the last three years

THE PRODUCT WISE EXPORT TEXTILES

A. COTTON TEXTILES (Value Million Kg.)

		Mill	Powerloom	Handloom
1994-95	Fabric	12009.44	14045.64	3179.59
	Made-Ups	36,53.58	13632.47	11794.02
1995-96	Fabric	14512.12	16574.98	2553.04
	Made-Ups	4883.36	16100.05	12358.32
1996-97	Fabric	15771.87	20139.86	2548.53
	Made-Ups	5567.67	20223.73	15040.44